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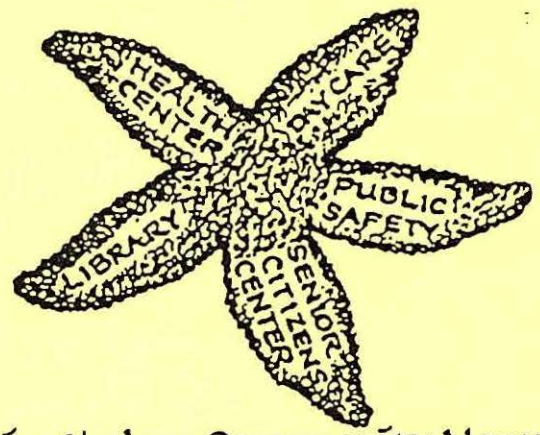
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# Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

April 2010

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## Disaster Preparations and CERT

The strong wind storm in February prompted quite a bit of discussion by members of the Peaks Island CERT or Community Emergency Response Team.

This storm reminds us to tell Islanders about how we should be preparing for a disaster. We may need to rely on our neighbors for food, water, first aid and shelter when disaster strikes. As a minimum, Islanders should safely store bottled water and dry foods as well as medicines and other necessities for three days.

The Peaks CERT team, one of the first in New England, was formed by the Portland Fire Department in 2005 to train volunteer community members to help City employees and Portland Volunteer Fire fighters in case of emergencies. CERT team members meet on the third Monday of each month at the Doug MacVane Community Center for refresher training.

CERT Los Angeles has produced a terrific list of basic minimum necessities and posted it on their web site at <http://www.cert-la.com/index.shtml>.

The generosity of all Islanders is a well known part of island life. The CERT team has compiled a list of resources, for example, that includes people on Peaks who are willing to provide food, shelter and water and provide medical assistance, equipment and transportation in times of a disaster. We also have designated the MacVane Community Center, the Garman Senior Residence and the Children's Workshop as emergency shelters.

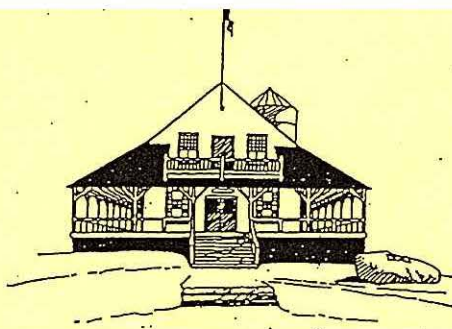
The CERT also provides prevention and informational services to residents regarding fire safety and emergency preparedness. Members are available to speak to community organizations and groups and at neighborhood gatherings.

Next time your power is off and you're looking for a place to stay or even take a warm shower, please contact the Peaks Island Police at 874-8419 or a CERT member directly. A CERT team member will contact you for emergency assistance.

If you would like to receive formal training and join us, call Team Leader Al Bleau at 766-007 or at 781 962-2662 (cell).

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*A tisket, a tasket, Please donate a basket, Fill it up with useful "stuff", For Our Silent Auction Basket.*

Last summer's Silent Basket Auction was so successful that we're doing it again! Donations of "themed" baskets, bins or boxes are sought for this fun fundraiser on July 24 & 25. Be creative! Maybe a Birthday Basket, a Tea Party Basket, or an Italian Nite Basket. The possibilities are endless. All proceeds benefit the Fifth Maine's youth education initiative. Please contact Mary Anderson at [achicory5@cox.net](mailto:achicory5@cox.net), or 207-766-0997 after 7/1/10.

We're also bringing back Antique Appraisal Day on July 25. Once again expert appraiser Larry Trueman has offered his services to verbally appraise your personal treasures. So come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast; bid on some great baskets; and discover the value of your personal treasures – all on July 25. For more information about these and other activities at the Fifth Maine check our website [www.fifthmainemuseum.org](http://www.fifthmainemuseum.org).

### PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

Join us in celebrating Earth Day  
at the the annual

#### ISLAND CLEAN UP

from dawn to dusk on Saturday April 24.

Bags, maps & sign-up sheets will be available in front of Peaks Café

The challenge: to observe the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day  
by collecting 40 bags of trash!!!

After a hard day's work it will be time to kick back for movies  
in the community room

Miyazaki's fairy tale, *Ponyo*, at 6:00 p.m.

&

this year's Oscar winning documentary, *The Cove*, at 8:00 p.m.

Our nautical double feature will include a refreshment break of maki roll

#### Senior News

The Peaks Island seniors met on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for their monthly pot luck luncheon.

As usual the food was delicious and plentiful. After lunch the Kennedys (Alice and Harris) entertained with predominantly Irish Music. The seniors joined in singing in many of the songs. An especially fun song was, Oh, What a Beautiful Island, to the tune of Oh, What a Beautiful Morning. We really do enjoy Alice and Harris when they come. Thank you so much A & H.

The next pot luck luncheon will be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, at the community room at the senior housing on Central Avenue.

Come join us for good food and lively company.



## Peaks Island Elementary School News

The Task Force assigned to investigate ways to sustain and strengthen the education of students at the Peaks Island Elementary School has recently started a blog site. We hope that in this way the community can be kept better informed regarding the discussions and materials generated by the Task Force. The blog site address is "blogs.portlandschools.org/pks" and we invite the community to visit the site often and follow the progress of the Task Force.

Peaks Island students are headed out to the opera soon! Thanks to an anonymous donor, Peaks and Cliff Islanders will be headed to see the *Barber of Seville* on April 26. The trip is organized through the Island Institute.

Kindergarten registration will take place the week of April 26th at the school. Incoming students need to be five years old on or before this October 15th. On Wednesday, April 28th, Mrs. Dilger will be conducting an activity with incoming kindergarten students from 1:45 to 2:30. Parents will be able to fill out registration forms while kindergartners have a chance for an early introduction to the school.

Lastly, on the evening of April 29th, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm, Superintendent Jim Morse and Assistant Superintendent Jill Blackwood will be at the Peaks Island School for a community meeting. Dr. Morse would like to meet with people from the island community to discuss issues related to the school. We extend a warm invitation to all who are interested and hope to see you on that evening.

### **PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP, 71 Herman Avenue, 766-2854**

**PRE-SCHOOL:** SPRING HAS SPRUNG at PICW!! Come by and see all of our artful creations welcoming spring to our island...

**AFTER SCHOOL:** Offering fun-filled afternoons during the school year and summer. Extended care available!!

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:**

**Drop-In Care:** Enroll your school-age child and pay hourly only on the days that you need care, including snow days, on a space-available basis. COST: \$25.00 Annual Club Registration Fee. \$10.00/hour on days used. Discounts for Vacation and Summer Camps.

#### **AFTERNOON EXPLORERS:**

**Afternoon Specialty Theme Weeks:** Five days of after school fun with field trips, cooking, projects, guest speakers and more! Stay tuned for more info about the upcoming Specialty Weeks.

**Afternoon Explorer Series:** Thursday afternoons from 2:30pm-4:30pm for 4 weeks.

**Coming Soon:** May Explorer Series

#### **VACATION CAMPS:**

**April Vacation:** *ISLAND ENVIRONMENT WEEK:* Celebrating EARTH DAY!  
Morning Only and All Day sessions available. **REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>!!!**

#### **SUMMER CAMPS: Registration Begins soon!!!**

Check out our website: [www.picw/camps](http://www.picw/camps) for more info about all of the camp offerings this summer including:  
**ISLAND ROVERS:-** Ages 5-11: Nine Themed weeks including: artisan/island history, sports fan, island wild, ocean adventures, ships ahoy!, working waterfront, outdoor survivor, island culinary fare, and beach week.  
**CASCO BAY EXPLORERS** - Designed for the adventurous, water-loving camper ages 9-14!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, May 13: 3rd Annual Burrito Dinner & Auction @ Jones Landing. 5:30pm – 8:00pm**

Come join us for tasty food and both a silent and live auction which will prove to be hilarious and full of fun. Auction items range from babysitting services, fresh produce, dinner for 4, gift certificates for housecleaning, dump runs, boat rides, landscaping, dog training, website services, and the list goes on! Don't miss out on this event! Childcare available beginning around 6:30pm during the auction.

#### **FOOD PANTRY:**

Open during the PICW hours M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm. NOW OPEN: First Saturday of the month 9am – 11am.  
Call PICW @ 766-2854 for more info. Please contact one of the Peaks Island Clergy for delivery options.



**April at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

**in the Community Building**

**207-766-5540**

**email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)**

**Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12**

**Thank you** to the authors of *A Glimpse of Old Peaks Island Through Rose Colored Glasses* for donating a copy of their book to the library. We have one copy on the Peaks Island Authors and Illustrators shelf upstairs, purchased with a memorial gift, and one in the regular collection. Many people have bought their own copies, but if you have not seen it, you have a treat in store.

**New Magazine Titles for 2010** are available for you to check out: *Dwell*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Real Simple*, *SmartMoney*, *Time*, and *Vanity Fair* are all titles we have not had before.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion** will meet Tuesday, April 6, to discuss *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh. For the meeting May 4, moderator Patricia Erikson has chosen *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins for its appeal to both young adult and adult readers, male and female. All are welcome. In June, the book will be *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali, moderated by Mary Douglas. To reserve a book, call or email the library. Please include your library card number. Book discussion meetings are at 7 pm, in the Community Room. Books are usually chosen by someone who agrees to moderate the discussion.

**Nursery Rhyme Time** for infants and toddlers is on Wednesdays at 11am.

**Story Time** for preschoolers is on Fridays at 10:15am.

**PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER**

87 Central Avenue P.O. Box 52 207-766-2929

[www.peakshealth.org](http://www.peakshealth.org)

[www.intermed.com](http://www.intermed.com)

**InterMed Office Hours**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Kitty Gilbert, FNP (Adults and children) **Fridays**, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Lois Tiedeken, ANP (Ages 13 and older)

**Schedule change for week of April 19:** Though Kitty Gilbert will be on vacation, the Health Center will be open. Monday, April 19, Lois Tiedeken will see patients. Wednesday, April 21, there will be administrative personnel only; and Friday, April 23, Lois Tiedeken will work her usual schedule.

Please call the office at 766-2929 to schedule appointments. When the Health Center is closed, call your primary care provider. For medical emergencies, call 911.

Just a friendly reminder: If you should call during business hours and no one answers the phone, it only means we are either on the other line or we are assisting other patients. Please leave a message. We will return your call as quickly as we can so you can receive the help you are looking for.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR:** Sunday, April 25, by 6pm, please. Articles should be brought copy-ready to the library. When the library is closed, you may put them in the Book Return or slip them under the door.

**St. Christopher's Catholic Church**  
**Pastor: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746**

**Holy Week Services** include 7 PM Mass on Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and at 7 PM on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Easter Sunday Ecumenical Sunrise Service** – Please joins us at Whaleback on the Back Shore followed by breakfast at Brackett Church and Mass at St. Christopher's at 10 AM.

**Sunday Mass** is at 10 AM followed by lunch and fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited and more details are listed on-line at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).

**Sacraments:** Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

**AA:** Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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***Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds***

***We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation***

3 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine, email: [brackettmumc@yahoo.com](mailto:brackettmumc@yahoo.com)

The Rev. Desi Larson, Pastor; Laura Glendening, Administrative Assistant

Phone: 207-766-5013 On the Internet: [www.brackettmumc.org](http://www.brackettmumc.org)

***Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.***, with Sunday School and Childcare



*Holy Week/Easter*

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae, April 1, Potluck 6 p.m., Worship 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Sunset)

Easter Sunday, April 4

Ecumenical Sunrise Worship, 6 a.m., Backshore at Whaleback

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast: following Sunrise Worship, at Brackett Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday Worship with Special Music, 10 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 a.m.

***Activities in April***

P.E.A.C.E. - our youth group meets Sundays during the Sunday School hour. For info please contact Antonia Winter, 766-2428.

Children's Choir, Mondays 2:45-3:15. Contact Mavourneen Thompson for info 899-0108.

Thursday Morning Study, 9:30 a.m. at the Parsonage.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursdays 1 -3 p.m., at the parsonage. All are welcome! For more info contact Rebecca Stephens 766-3017.

Thrift Shop – Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursday April 29, 4-6 p.m.

***Special Events in April***

Open Mic Nite, Friday, April 16, 7:30p.m. Bring your stories, your music, your poetry... For info contact Sam Saltonstall 899-0922.

Church Supper, Thursday, April 29, 5-7 p.m. Featuring: Spaghetti with your choice of Sauce, homemade bread, salads and desserts. Free and open to everyone. For more information please call Wally Fischer, 755-0923.



## **PEAKS ISLAND TAX ASSISTANCE**

PITA members want to thank all of the Islanders who responded to our call for funds. Within days we received \$2000 in donations from Peaks Islanders. Every permanent homeowner who asked for payment of a portion of their March property taxes received assistance. Once again, Islanders were there to help each other. The Island has been so supportive over the last five years and we owe you our gratitude. Our mission to help others has been fulfilled.

Our next Loaf and Ladle on Tuesday, April 13 (the second Tuesday in April this time) comes two days before the taxman visits. We are crafting our menu to include dishes that sustained our families during good and bad times. It will be an evening of nostalgia. Join us on the 13th from 5-7 p.m. at the Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall. Children -\$2.50, Adults \$6.00. The full menu will be out soon.

Also in April the Inn on Peaks is sponsoring a fundraiser for us on Saturday April 17th. The band 43 North70West will be playing. Watch for the posters and join us for a fun evening. Spring is here and we can once again celebrate together.

On Tuesday, May 18 our Loaf and Ladle dinner we will follow some great Southern traditions. The menu will feature barbecued beef and fried chicken and the side dishes to go with the entrees. If you have seen "DOWN HOME WITH THE NEELYS" or watched folks making barbecued beef on the food channel you know how mouth-watering the food is. We promise to have lots of napkins on hand.

We will be dividing the profits between Tax Assistance and Energy Assistance.

## **PEAKS ISLAND TAX ASSISTANCE – ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Over twenty-seven Islanders received Energy Assistance between September 1 and March 25. Mission Accomplished – another heating season is almost over. We will be going back to fundraising mode. We have plans to have fun while raising money. Our hope is to have another yard sale as well. PITA-EA is looking for new committee members. We hope you will consider joining our band of merry islanders. Our meetings are an hour long once a month. We all share in the tasks at hand and no one person does all the work. Please call Cynthia or any other member for more information.

Cynthia Pedlikin 766-0067

Jane Adams, Ralph Ashmore, Diane Clark, Joyce Doane, Christina Foster, Jane Gerard, Georgia Gillette, Sandy Lucas, Judith McAllister, Teresa Schull, and Doug Smith .

## **TEIA NEWS**

### **\$1000. School Scholarship**

The Trefethen Evergreen Improvement Association is offering a \$1000. scholarship to a Peaks Island resident graduating from high school this year and continuing on to higher education. The student selected may use the scholarship funds for a 2 or 4 year school or a certificate or associates degree program.

Applications are available at the library and must be returned to TEIA by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered for this scholarship. We encourage all island seniors to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kilmartin at [K1Julie@aol.com](mailto:K1Julie@aol.com).

## **Peaks Island Council Notes**

The following are the times and places for upcoming meetings and workshops:

April 14, 2010 Workshop – 6:30 PM @ Community Center

April 17, 2010 Public Dialogue- 10:00 AM @ Community Center

April 21, 2010 Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Community Center

The Island Council's website is: <http://www.peaksislandcouncil.info/> For those without computer access, the same information is available in the Library.

The public dialogue is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to Noon at the MacVane Community Center. There is no agenda and it's the best opportunity for islanders to bring their comments directly to the Peaks Island Council members.

April will see the PIC heavily involved in Portland's budget process by making input to the Finance Committee on the issues of public safety, parking and transportation and the overall issue of affordability for living on Peaks Island.

## **HOMESTART**

On April 13, the Portland Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider HOMESTART's proposed plan for the property located at 16-18 Luther Street on Peaks Island to allow three (3) residential single-family dwelling units: two (2) new single family homes for the property and the rehabilitation of an existing single-family home at 18 Luther Street. These homes will be sold as affordable housing.

This is a formal Planning Board session and is open to the public. Public comments will be taken. The hearing will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed plans for the two homes are available on the HOMESTART webpage (<http://peaksislandhomestart.org/news.html>) and at the library.

Home ownership applications are available at the library, local churches, the school, the Children's workshop and the website. Recognizing that the applications ask for personal information, the selection committee is dedicated to confidentiality. We encourage community members to apply.

Community members are invited to Board meetings held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Fay Garman House Community Room. Thank you to our donors as we work toward matching an Islands Challenge Fund Grant of \$25,000.

## **Fay Garman House**

In the spring we will be hosting an attorney from Southern Maine Agency on Aging. She will be discussing, Advanced Directives and will provide assistance with Powers of Attorney. The date will be announced as soon as I have an idea how many people are interested and the weather warms up. If you are interested please let me know, June O'Neill 831 6039.



# **APRIL ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND** Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please email Denise at [dln@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:dln@portlandmaine.gov) or leave a message at 766-2970. Denise checks messages on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS – PEAKS ISLAND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, JULY 6**

Attention regular blood donors: You are allowed to give blood every 59 days. Please mark your calendars so you can donate at the annual American Red Cross blood drive on Peaks Island on Tuesday, July 6. Volunteers are needed to promote this event as well as on the day of the event. Please sign up if you can help out in any capacity. FMI, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

## **SPECIAL ISLAND FUN for PRESCHOOLERS \***

\*Children must be accompanied by an adult

### **FIRST MONDAY FUN: PRESCHOOLERS/ADULTS**

Monday, April 5 11:00 am – 12 noon in com. room

Spring is here! Celebrate with music, crafts and gift making

Monday, May 3 11:00 am – 12 noon in com. room

More spring time fun: Mother's Day gifts with lots of creativity

## **SCHOOL VACATION FUN– EARTH WEEK**

These activities are FREE – open to all!

### **EARTH DAY WALK**

from INDIAN TRAIL to COMMUNITY GARDEN

Meet at Brackett Ave. entrance to Indian Trail

Everyone invited to explore the Indian Trail and visit Trott Littlejohn Park, site of the new community garden. Dress appropriately for the weather as we will walk rain or shine.

Thursday, April 22 Walk begins at 1:00 pm

### **EARTH WEEK: REUSE and RECYCLE! (com. rm.)**

Use your imaginations to create new "inventions" and gifts.

Fill a bag of recyclables to create "treasures" at home.

Friday, April 23 Drop in anytime: 10am–12:30pm

### **MOVIE AFTERNOON: HOME ALONE, Part 1 (PG)**

See the adventures of an 8-year-old who is accidentally left behind when his family takes off for a vacation in France.

Friday, April 23 1:00 pm – PI com. rm. (103 min)

## **APRIL FOOLS' DAY FUN and LAUGHTER!**

Share a favorite prank – or be the victim of one! Play Bingo for some "foolish" prizes; BYO lunch to enjoy afterwards.

Thursday, April 1 Anytime from 11 am-2 pm (com rm)

## **OPEN HOUSE – CELEBRATE BOSTON!**

Share something about Boston - a favorite baked bean or

Boston crème pie recipe – and do some pre-marathon exercises!

Friday, April 16 Anytime from 11 am-2 pm (com rm)

## **TRAVELOGUE: ENGLAND (bring your passports!)**

Take a fascinating journey (60 minute video) to the white cliffs of Dover, Stonehenge, Canterbury, York, London and more.

Monday, April 26 1:00 pm in the community room

## **"MARCH INTO MAY" returns to Peaks Island!**

This free 10-week physical activity program, open to ALL ages, is designed to help improve our health through increased physical activity. Stop by the com. room any time between 1:00 – 2:30 pm (adults) and 2:45 – 4:00 pm (school children).

Thursday, April 1 Ping Pong

Thursday, April 8 All sorts of dancing

Thursday, April 15 "Laugh Away Tax Day" Yoga

Thursday, April 29 Nordic Walking (maybe outdoors)

### Mondays & Thursdays:

Walking (8:15am) and Low Impact Aerobics (9:30 -10:30 am)

### Tuesdays:

Table Tennis (2-4pm) and Adult Basketball (6:30–8pm)



## **Saturday Night Movies in April**



**Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library**

April	6 PM	April	8 PM
3	<i>Chicken Little</i> (2005) G, 81 min	3	<i>World's Fastest Indian</i> (2005) PG, 125 min
10	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> (2009) PG, 87 min	10	<i>Persona</i> (1967) NR, 83 min
17	<i>Ice Age</i> (2002) PG, 81 min	17	<i>The Blind Side</i> (2009) PG-13, 129 min
<p align="center"><b>April 24, Earth Day Extravaganza!</b> The nautical double-feature will include a refreshment break of maki roll, courtesy of Peaks Island Environmental Action Team (PEAT)</p>			
24	<i>Ponyo</i> (2009) G, 90 min	24	<i>The Cove</i> (2009) PG-13, 92 min